

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State NebraskaMEDICAL PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Employees: Employees include a physician who serves as the Director of Utilization Review. His/her responsibilities include the medical review/independent professional review activities in the skilled care and intermediate nursing facilities. The Medical Director works closely with Medical Services staff on developing and monitoring quality health policy. The physician confers with payment staff on questions involving the establishment of reasonable reimbursement rates and in determining the appropriateness of medical claims payment, diagnosis, and compliance with agency regulations.

A pharmacist is responsible for the Pharmacy Program. He sets policy, oversees the payment process, and maintains contact with providers to ensure program quality.

The registered nurses on the staff are employed in the Home Health and Long-Term Care Review Unit and the Acute Care Provider Relations and Payment Unit. The R.N. staff is composed of the Long Term Care Unit Manager, two Assistant Long Term Care Supervisors, plus ten field nurses who serve on facility review teams. In the Acute Care Provider Relations and Payment Unit, an R.N. is responsible for the physician program; another R.N. has program responsibilities in the psychiatric program and State Disability Program.

The social workers on the staff are employed in the Home Health and Long-Term Care Review Program. There are five social workers serving on facility review teams.

Under Contract:

A physician serves as medical consultant for the State Disability Program and actively participates in determining Medicaid policies for the agency.

Three physicians and two psychiatric registered nurses serve as consultants to the Home Health and Long-Term Care Review Unit in assuring adequate care levels for clients in psychiatric facilities and programs and serve as members of the Review Team in institutions for the mentally diseased.

Two physicians and two psychiatric registered nurses serve as consultants to the Acute Care Provider Relations and Payment Unit.

All Acute Care programs have at least one professional from that field who serves as a consultant to policy determination and claims processing. Three dentists serve as consultants for the dental program.

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Employees:

2 Physicians  
2 Pharmacists  
15 Registered Nurses  
5 Social Workers

Under Contract:

1 Physician  
5 Physicians (psychiatrists)  
2 Psychiatric Registered Nurses  
3 Dentists  
1 Chiropractor  
1 Optometrist  
1 Ophthalmologist  
1 Podiatrist  
1 Audiologist  
13 Pharmacists

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